

CLAIMS

1. A method of managing a state memory (160) adapted for storing state information applicable in a message communication between communications units (100-1, 100-2, 100-3, 100-4; 200) in a communications system (1),

characterized by:

- defining at least two message classes of the messages communicated between said communications units (100-1, 100-2, 100-3, 100-4, 200); and

- dividing said state memory (160) into at least two memory portions (160-1, 160-2), each memory portion (160-1, 160-2) being assigned for storing state information associated with a specific message class.

2. The method according to claim 1, **characterized in that** said memory dividing step comprises dividing said state memory (160) into at least two memory portions (160-1, 160-2) based on said message class definition.

3. The method according to claim 1 or 2, **characterized in that** said state memory (160) is arranged in a first communication unit (100-1) and is allocated for storing state information used in message communication with a second communications unit (100-2, 100-3, 100-4; 200).

4. The method according to claim 3, **characterized by** said second communications unit (100-2, 100-3, 100-4; 200) requesting said first communications unit (100-1) to allocate state memory space utilized for storing said state information used in said message communication with said second communications unit (100-2, 100-3, 100-4; 200).

5. The method according to any of the claims 1 to 4, **characterized in that** said state information is used during compression and/or decompression of said communications messages.

6. The method according to any of the claims 1 to 5, **characterized in that** said defining step comprises defining said at least two message classes based on at least one of:

- a priority type of said communications messages;
- an application protocol used when generating said communications messages; and
- a session type associated with communications messages.

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7. The method according to any of the claims 1 to 6, **characterized in that** said dividing step comprises allocating an equal memory size to said at least two memory portions (160-1, 160-2).

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8. The method according to any of the claims 1 to 6, **characterized in that** said dividing step comprises allocating a first memory size to a first memory portion (160-1) and a second different memory size to a second memory portion (160-2) based on a first message class associated with said first memory portion (160-1) and a second message class associated with said second memory portion (160-2).

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9. The method according to any of the claims 1 to 8, **characterized by:**

- determining a message class of a communications message; and
- storing state information generated based on said communications message in a memory portion (160-1, 160-2) associated with said determined message class.

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10. The method according to claim 9, **characterized in that** said message class determining step comprises determining said message class based on data found in said communications message.

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11. The method according to claim 9 or 10, **characterized by** determining whether said state information is to be stored in said memory portion (160-1, 160-2).

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12. The method according to claim 11, **characterized in that** said step of determining whether said state information is to be stored comprises

retrieving storage priority information from a look-up list (135) comprising storage command information for said message classes.

13. The method according to claim 11, **characterized in that** said step of determining whether said state information is to be stored comprises:

- investigating whether similar state information is already stored in said memory portion (160-1, 160-2); and

- storing said state information if no similar state information is already stored in said memory portion (160-1, 160-2).

14. The method according to claim 11, **characterized in that** said step of determining whether said state information is to be stored comprises:

- compressing said communications message;

- calculating a compression factor for said communications message;

and

- determining whether said state information is to be stored in said memory portion (160-1, 160-2) based on said compression factor.

15. A unit (130) for managing a state memory (160) adapted for storing state information applicable in a message communication between communications units (100; 200) in a communications system (1), **characterized by:**

- means (132) for defining at least two message classes of the messages communicated between said communications units (100; 200); and

- means (134) for dividing said state memory (160) into at least two memory portions (160-1, 160-2), each memory portion (160-1, 160-2) being assigned for storing state information associated with a specific message class.

16. A communications unit (100) adapted for message communication with at least one external communications unit (200) in a communications system (1), said communications unit (100) comprising:

- a state memory (160) adapted for storing state information applicable in said message communication; and

- a state memory managing unit (130), **characterized in that** said state memory managing unit (130) comprises:

- means (132) for defining at least two message classes of the messages communicated between said communications unit (100) and said at least one external communications unit (200); and

- means (134) for dividing said state memory (160) into at least two memory portions (160-1, 160-2), each memory portion (160-1, 160-2) being assigned for storing state information associated with a specific message class.

17. The unit according to claim 15 or 16, **characterized in that** said dividing means (134) is configured for dividing said state memory (160) into at least two memory portions (160-1, 160-2) based on said message class definition from said defining means (132).

18. The unit according to claim 15, **characterized in that** said managing unit (130) and said state memory (160) are arranged in a first communication unit (100) and said state memory (160) is allocated for storing state information used in message communication with a second communications unit (200).

19. The unit according to claim 16, **characterized in that** said state memory (160) is allocated for storing state information used in message communication with a specific external communications unit (200).

20. The unit according to any of the claims 15, **characterized in that** said state information is used during compression and/or decompression of said communications messages.

21. The unit according to any of the claims 16, **characterized by:**

- a compressor (170); and
- a decompressor (180), wherein said state information is used by at least one of said compressor (180) and said decompressor (190).

22. The unit according to any of the claims 15 to 21, **characterized in that** said defining means (132) is configured for defining said at least two message classes based on at least one of:

- a priority type of said communications messages;
- 5 - an application protocol used when generating said communications messages; and
- a session type associated with communications messages.

10 23. The unit according to any of the claims 15 to 22, **characterized in that** said dividing means (134) is configured for allocating an equal memory size to said at least two memory portions (160-1, 160-2).

15 24. The unit according to any of the claims 15 to 22, **characterized in that** said dividing means (134) is configured for allocating a first memory size to a first memory portion (160-1) and a second different memory size to a second memory portion (160-2).

25 25. The unit according to any of the claims 15 to 24, **characterized by:**

- 20 - means (136) for determining a message class of a communications message; and
- means (138) for storing state information generated based on said communications message in a memory portion (160-1, 160-2) associated with said determined message class.

25 26. The unit according to claim 25, **characterized in that** said determining means (136) is configured for determining said message class based on data found in said communications message.

30 27. The unit according to claim 25 or 26, **characterized by** means (136) for determining whether said state information is to be stored in said memory portion.

28. The unit according to claim 27, **characterized in that** said determining means (136) is configured for retrieving storage priority information from an associated look-up list (135) comprising storage command information for said message classes and for generating a storing command based on said storage priority information, said storing means (138) being responsive to said storing command.

29. The unit according to claim 27, **characterized in that** said determining means (136) is configured for investigating whether similar state information is already stored in said memory portion (160-1, 160-2) and for generating a storing command if no similar state information is already stored in said memory portion, said storing means (138) being responsive to said storing command.

30. The unit according to claim 27, **characterized in that** said determining means (136) is configured for receiving a compression factor obtained during compressing said communications message and for generating a storing command based on said compression factor, said storing means (138) being responsive to said storing command.
